

GOLD, FURS AND FISH
ARE ALASKA'S ASSETS
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can be bought for \$1 apiece. The walrus grow to an enormous size in Alaska, as large as the largest ox, and often weighs a ton.

What about farming, stock raising and timber, are questions that have often been asked of me, and a New York newspaper sends me the following clipping, said to have been in an article written by Frank Carpenter:

"Men go up there to mine, or to follow other more or less adventurous pursuits, and many of them remain to farm or raise stock. In many regions the plow turns up more gold—and more easily—than does the pickaxe. The government railroad is being built not to bring out gold, but coal and copper, and for miles around it there are valleys which have soil and climate that compare favorably with many regions in the United States proper. The weather records for the past winter show that the temperature averaged milder at the port of Seward than at New York, and it is claimed they pick strawberries in the rich Matanuska valley as early as we do here in Oregon."

If Frank Carpenter wrote the above he must have seen Alaska from a different slant than I did. The territory is not a farming country and never will be—unless the climate undergoes a great change. Anyone knows that a land that stays solidly frozen two and a half or three feet beneath the surface will never be a worth-while produce country, and anyone who knows anything about the very short summer seasons and the great danger of killing frosts, knows that when a profitable crop is raised it is when a 20 to 1 chance comes through.

The reference to Seward has little to do with Alaska. It is on the extreme southern coast.

If there is stock raising in Alaska I would like to be cited. There is nothing for cows to eat. They would starve on tundra and the stuff reindeer live on. There may be a few cows around the favored section of Fairbanks, but in my 2,200 mile trip through the interior of Alaska I never saw a head of stock.

And with the exception of this one favored section, there is no soil in Alaska, and it will be thousands of years yet before there will be. On the entire length of the Yukon there is no timber worth while, for when it reaches a certain size it dies for want of root substance. The famous Alaska spruce you read about is not in Alaska proper, but far down in the panhandle, north of Prince Rupert.

If you want to go into the fishing or fur business, don't look for anything better than the north land, but if you want to take a long chance on farming or stock raising, take Death Valley as a better chance than Alaska, for there you will have the satisfaction of at least keeping warm while you "go broke."

As to what the government's railroad will do for the coal section of southern Alaska, it is but a matter of opinion, and my honest opinion—an opinion founded on all the information I could gather from all sources—is that it will never be a paying investment, and that the government took a chance that even the Guggenheims dared not tackle.

Around Fairbanks and Tenana you hear nothing but the glad music. The completion of the railroad is going to bring on a regular old-fashioned Seattle real estate boom. The great coal fields will be developed, thousands of men will be employed, and as a man told me "Tenana will skin Dawson for a grow."

There have been enormous unforeseen expenses in the construction of this road; there have been great washouts and other engineering problems almost new to the builders. In two years they say the road will be completed and ready for service.

I may be a cold water thrower, but I wonder how much of the year it will be in service with the enormous snowfall in this part of Alaska, and with the terrible floods in the summer months, my guess is that it will be some job to keep the railroad in operation—even if there is a demand for its operation.

Alaska today is declining. Half of the population of the country has left this year. In every town, camp and mine I visited the people were leaving or making preparations to go out on the last boats. There was gloom and depression everywhere.

The reasons I found were three: No new strikes of size or permanency, the excessive cost of living in the mining camps and the stories of high wages and great activity on the outside. This trio was loading the passenger accommodations of all the last boats.

And yet almost every miner or prospector who was leaving would state that some day he was going back. Almost every last man of them knew where (or about where) there was rich dirt, and some of these days when he had accumulated enough money to "hold him up" for a season, they were all going back and make good.

A peculiarity I found in Alaska was that there are almost as many Indian dialects as there are Indian towns, and that one community is

almost distinct in talk and customs from the one perhaps 50 miles away. A newspaper man stated the Indians and Eskimos are not wanderers; that in the early days they were forced by necessity to settle in small numbers where the hunting and fishing was good; that they gradually became tribes and in the hundreds of years the language changed into dialects and the original tongue became practically lost.

In this way the wide separation of the Eskimo and Indian is explained. Once they were all Eskimos, and lived along the coasts. Then they gradually moved up the Yukon, changed their manner of living and became a distinct family.

Take an Indian or Eskimo, dress him in American clothes and I will give a prize to anyone who can pick him out from a bunch of Japs. Unquestionably they originally came from China or Japan. They have the same yellowish complexion, high cheeked bones and a slight eye slant.

The natives care little for gold or money. They would rather have credit at a trading store than gold in their pockets. They are lazy and without ambition, they catch fish and never wash. For twenty years the influence of the white man has had little effect on them. They are content to exist. There are exceptions in the larger river towns where there are missionaries and schools, and splendid work has been done by these teachers.

SUMMONS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
STATE OF OREGON FOR THE
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA.
Elizabeth Neuhausen, Plaintiff, vs. J. W. Rogers, Defendant.
To the above named defendant, J. W. Rogers:

You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, filed against you in the above entitled court and cause, within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and in case of your failure so to do the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in her complaint herein, to-wit: For a decree requiring defendant, within ninety days, to pay to plaintiff the sum of \$203.35, with interest thereon at seven per cent from August 15, 1917, and the costs and disbursements of this suit, and that in the event defendant fails to pay said sum within said time he shall be foreclosed and debarred of all right, title and interest of, in and to the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of S. 32, Tp. 7 N., R. 6 W. W. M., in Columbia County, Oregon, containing 10 acres more or less, and that plaintiff's title thereto shall be quieted, and the cloud created by defendant's contract of sale shall be removed from plaintiff's title to said premises.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof once each week for six successive weeks, in conformity with an order made by the Hon. S. C. Morton, County Judge, acting in the absence of the Circuit Judge, the first publication being made on the 28th day of December, 1917, and the last publication being made on the 8th day of February, 1918.

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FORECLOSURE OF TAX LIEN
SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION IN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
STATE OF OREGON, FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.
Jesse R. Sharp, Plaintiff, vs. Western Timber Syndicate, a corporation, and T. A. Marquam, Defendants.
To T. A. Marquam, the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby notified that Jesse R. Sharp is the holder of Certificate of Delinquency numbered 164 issued on the 25th day of June, 1915, by the Tax Collector of the County of Columbia, State of Oregon, for the amount of One Hundred Forty-Three and 39-100 Dollars, the same being the amount then due and delinquent for taxes for the year 1913 together with penalty, interest and costs thereon upon the real property assessed to you, of which you are the owner as appears of record situated in said County and State, and particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

The south-east quarter of Section twenty-three (23) in Township four (4), North of Range Two (2) West of the Willamette Meridian. That there is due and owing upon said certificate of delinquency the sum of \$196.50 with interest at the rate of 15 per cent per annum on \$143.37 from December 15, 1917.

Said Western Timber Syndicate, as the owner of the legal title of the above described property as the same appears of record, and each of the other persons above named are hereby further notified that the plaintiff, Jesse R. Sharp, will apply to the Circuit Court of the County and State aforesaid for a decree foreclosing the lien against the property above described and mentioned in said certificate. And you are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the first publication of the summons exclusive of the day of said first publication, and defend this action together with costs and action or pay the amount due as above stated and in case of your failure to do so, a decree will be rendered foreclosing the lien of said taxes for the said amount due and owing thereon and costs against the land and premises above named.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable James A. Eakin, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia and said order was made and dated this 17th day of December, 1917, and the date of the first publication of this summons is the 21st day of December, 1917.

All process and papers in this proceeding may be served upon the undersigned residing within the State

of Oregon, at the address hereafter mentioned.

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NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT OF
FINAL ACCOUNT AND DISTRIBUTION.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE
STATE OF OREGON FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.

In the Matter of the Estate of John W. Boyd, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given: That Guy A. Boyd, administrator of the estate of John W. Boyd, deceased, has rendered and presented for final settlement, and filed in said court, his final account of his administration of said estate, together with his report and petition for final distribution, and that Saturday, the 19th day of January, 1918, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the court-room of said court at the court house in said county, has been fixed and appointed as the time and place for settlement of said account and the hearing of said report and petition, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and file his exceptions, in writing, to the said account, and contest the same.

Dated this 29th day of December, 1917.
Date of first publication December 21, 1917.

GUY A. BOYD,
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